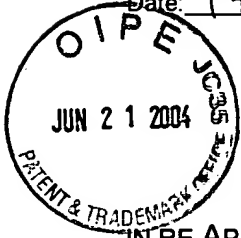


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The present communication responds to the Office Action dated 17 December 2003 in the above-identified application. Please amend the claims in the application as follows: